agencies. The extent of the security cover is provided to them as per the standing orders on the subject.

Joint patrolling on border

4427. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF and Bangladesh Rifles have decided to undertake coordinated-border patrolling to check the trafficking of children and women on both sides;

(b) whether any discussion in this regard have been held with the Government of Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details of discussions; and

(d) when the proposal of joint patrolling was conceived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) BSF and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) have decided to undertake simultaneous coordinated border patrolling with an aim to prevent trans-border illegal activities which include trafficking of women and children also. Draft modalities worked out by BSF sent to BDR in June, 2003. In response, the BDR draft has been received in February, 2005. The matter was again taken up recently in DG Level Border Co-ordination Conference held in Dhaka on 12-17 April, 2005. It was suggested that both sides will depute Officers to arrive at **a** mutually acceptable joint draft.

The matter of simultaneous coordinated patrolling was first conceived during DG Level Border Coordination Conference between BSF and BDR held at Dhaka on 22-25 March, 2002.

Setting up of Central Law Enforcement Agency

4428. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for setting up of Central Law